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HIGHEST WAGES TO WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding workers/employees receiving highest and lowest as well, wages in ten top countries in the world, country-wise, separately;

(b) the gap between the highest and lowest wages;

(c) the productivity of the highest wage earners in different countries and the lowest wage earners, country-wise, separately; and

(d) the productivity in relation to per dollar wage earnings in developed countries, separately?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): A statement showing country-wise gross earnings per employee (in US $) in the year 1999 in ten top countries is given at Annexure I. The lowest gross earning per employee worked outto US $ 408 for Zimbabwe in 1997 for which the latest information is available. The wages are, however, not strictly comparable as these are un-adjusted of the Purchasing Power Parity Index.

(c): The statistics on the productivity of highest and the lowest wage earners in different countries is not available due to lack of uniformity in the definition of occupations and skills across countries. However, a statement showing country-wise annual average of value added per worker in manufacturing for the period 1995-99 as per the `World Development Indicators - 2001` is at Annexure-ll.

(d): A statement on the productivity in relation to per dollar wage earnings in developed countries is given at Annexure-lll.